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To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

IN my laſt, I gave you ſome few Remarks on News-Papers, and, in particular, pointed out the great Influence that entertaining Eſſays might have on the Taſte and Manners of the Publick: But, at the ſame Time, I am far from thinking that the beſt Papers in the World, can, alone, and unaſſiſted, make Politeneſs as univerſal as it ought, or introduce Learning and Science amongſt the reigning Faſhions of the Age: No, ſomething more important muſt be previouſly required, even before we can expect either to ſee ſuch Eſſays, or enjoy the Benefit of them if we did: I mean a Love of the Muſes, a Deſire to be inform'd, and Spirit of Generoſity to encourage the Means.

No Body ever did, or could reproach this Nation with Want of Munificence, or a Fear to purchaſe what they wiſh'd to enjoy; but, when this is granted, I am afraid it will appear that their Appetite was falſe, and of courſe their Munificence ill-beſtow'd. 'Tis an ungrateful Thing to undertake to prove this melancholy Hint, but as it may be neceſſary to our preſent Purpoſe, the Neglect will be inexcuſable.

I ſhall inſtance but two or three Particulars, and leave the reſt to every one's private Imagination: *Horſe-Racing* is the firſt; an Extravagance ſo notorious, that your Readers muſt anticipate the Mention of it, and have their own Ideas preſſing forwards, and ready to ſtart with mine. I would not be underſtood tho', to condemn this Humour intirely; it certainly anſwers the valuable End of keeping up a Breed of Horſes, that, taken in all Views, are perhaps the beſt in *Europe*. But then even this might be done at a far leſs Expence, and with much leſs Inconvenience to the Publick in general. There is certainly no Need of ſuch a prodigious Encouragement from the Crown to do what tallies ſo exactly with the Genius of the People; ſo many yearly Hundred-Pound Plates, ſerve but as a Snare, to put Men of ſmall Fortunes to the Charge of a Breed, which, with the beſt Succeſs, is generally an Incumbrance on their Patrimony, and with the worſt is, almoſt, unavoidable Ruin. And, if thoſe, in more flowing Circumſtances, engage in it, tho' it ſhould not prove injurious to their Fortunes, it is apt to ingroſs their whole Minds, and make a Trifle the Buſineſs of their Lives. Let me add, that there is a Spice of Barbariſm, even in the Cuſtom itſelf, and Men who converſe ſo much with Beaſts, are very often ſeen to grow as ſavage as their Company.

Gaming is the next epidemick Evil that depraves the Mind, and conſumes the Eſtate: An Evil founded on Avarice, the moſt ſordid of all Vices, and of courſe leaving ſuch a Taint behind it, as ſhould make us fly from the Infection with Horror: But either we don't know our Enemies, or don't fear them; *Gaming*, confeſs'd an Enemy by all Ages, and Nations, ſeems at laſt to have chang'd its Nature; we treat it as a Friend, invite it into our Houſes, and recommend it as a Familiar to our Children from Generation to Generation. The Practice of it is, indeed, become a Science, which the Learner acquires at the Hazard of his whole Eſtate, and parts with the Character of Gentleman, to be complimented with that of Sharper. Even Men of Wit and Genius are infatuated with it too; Knowledge and Underſtanding are no Defence againſt this faſhionable Seducer: And Men of great Generoſity have reduc'd that moſt amiable of the Virtues to the narroweſt Bounds, that they might be able to riſque the larger Stakes: Nay ſome have actually taken Pains to conquer it intirely, and ſtifle all the Remorſe and Conviction that muſt attend on ſuch deſpicable Behaviour. On the other hand the *Initiates*, though the moſt low and groveling Wretches that belong to Humane Nature, grow fat and inſolent on the Spoils; glitter at Court, prance along the Streets with an Equipage, and even threaten to pollute the Parliament itſelf with their execrable Company.

In a Word, 'tis my Opinion that this ſingle Depravity puts the Rich and Noble to greater Expence than would maintain all the Sciences in all their Glory; and what rightly us'd would purchaſe them Fame and Immortality, is now a Brand of Ignominy, as well as the Parent of Misfortune.

I am very far from being an Enemy to *Muſick*: On the contrary, I am as much charm'd with it as any one can poſſibly be, who has only his Ear and his Heart for his Inſtructors; I even think it a Science peculiarly neceſſary amongſt us, to ſoften our rugged Genius, and prepare the Way of Politeneſs. But then even this may be encourag'd with too great Profuſion, and we may become Dupes to Sounds, to the Prejudice of our Underſtandings: I muſt needs ſay we are too extravagant in our Importations of *Italian Air*, and the other Courts of *Europe* are ſerv'd full as well, on much eaſier Terms: But, if Expence is a neceſſary Ingredient in theſe Entertainments, in order to keep the Vulgar at Diſtance from the Walk of Quality; let it, at leaſt, be calculated to improve our own Manufactures that Way, and train up *Engliſh Performers*, to delight an *Engliſh Audience*. 'Tis my Belief a Villa, riſing, like *Milton*'s *Pandemonium*, or *Amphion*'s *Thebes*, at the Dictate of Harmony, would make as good a Figure here as in *Italy*, and be a much greater Rarity into the Bargain.

I could mention ſeveral other Indiſcretions, that coſt us very dear, which might be turn'd to much more Advantage; but, at preſent I ſhall only glance at one more, and, in the Language of the Pulpit, apply what has been ſaid. What I now mean is the Luxury of *Taverns*; this is an Evil that has been long growing upon us, and though one would think it could be ſtretch'd no farther, yet it plainly appears that ſo many Refinements are annually made in the Art of Extortion, and ſo many licentious Prodigals are found to comply with them, that, either thoſe muſt be undone who make ſuch Places their Reſort, or the Places themſelves muſt be undone for want of Company. Our preſent Set of Landlords, indeed, are grown ſo inſolent with Succeſs, that 'tis almoſt putting the Peace to the Hazard to controul them, and their Cuſtomers are become ſo very complaiſant, or pacifick, that they agree implicitly to every new Article of Exceſs that is impos'd upon them.

What I would infer from all theſe Circumſtances, I have partly hinted above, that our Vices coſt us more than would be wanted to turn them into Virtues: And I flatter myſelf what has been ſaid is ſufficient to prove my firſt Aſſertion, That our Expence and Munificence run in a wrong Channel.

Upon the Whole, 'tis ſurprizing to me that as the *Engliſh* Nation abounds with Individuals, who may vie, in Senſe and Politeneſs, with any other Perſons in *Europe*, there ſhould ſo little Taſte, or Reliſh for either appear, in a general or national Way: I mean in *Academies*, or ſome ſuch publick Expedient to be a Nurſery of Arts, and Foſter-Parent of Learning.

'Tis the Glory of *Italy* that theſe illuſtrious Seminaries owe their Original among the Moderns, to her Genius and Love of Knowledge: Hence the *Italians* immediately got the Start of all their Neighbours in Taſte, and Elegancy; hence they became the Staple of Arts to the whole Continent beſide, and even to this Day no Gentleman is eſteem'd thorough bred who has not pay'd his Compliments to them.

France, like another *Prometheus*, ſtole the Fire from them, and ſoon eclips'd the Original with ſuperior Luſtre: Their *Academy-Royal* drain'd all the Kingdoms of *Europe* of their Learning and Genius; the auſpicious Patronage of *Louis Le Grand* reſtor'd the *Auguſtan Age* of Science, and dreſs'd out his Court in the antique Taſte of the Muſes. His great and comprehenſive Mind threw down the imaginary Diſtinction of Nations, broke through the long-eſtabliſh'd Cuſtoms of Prejudice of Education, and taught the World that Men of Capacity were Friends and Countrymen every where. Hence the Records of that noble Society are honour'd with the greateſt Names that have appear'd among the Moderns, and all contribute to augment the Glory of their illuſtrious Patron.

Portugal inrolls her Name too in the glorious Liſt of Nations that has had the Welfare of Learning at Heart, and the Encouragement of Genius: Her preſent *King* has made it his Buſineſs to emulate the Example of the *French*, and diſtinguiſh *Liſbon* among the Cities that Art and Science have made famous.

Even the barbarous and inhoſpitable *Ruſſian*, tho' hid, almoſt, in impenetrable Woods, and half-frozen with the Rigour of his Climate, with a Smile of Humanity and Benevolence invited the Muſes to civilize and poliſh his unletter'd Mind, and number him with the Friends of Politeneſs.

England alone, among the refin'd Nations, has neglected the Intereſt of that Learning ſhe boaſted to admire, and the Elegancy ſhe affected to love: No great and elevated Genius has aroſe here to begin a Project of that Nature, or even attempt to ſecure the Profeſſors of Art from Poverty and Contempt: The Geniuſes, with us, have in a Manner made themſelves; they are forc'd to break through all Manner of Difficulties for a precarious Subſiſtence at beſt, and are always ſure to ſee Players and Buffoons treated as their Superiors: Great Care, Pains, and Charge are us'd in the Cultivation of Fruits and Flowers, and happy is the Artiſt, if he ſucceeds after all: Men of Capacity, like Weeds, are left to ſhift for themſelves: If they flouriſh, 'tis no Compliment to them, and, if they don't, they are ſure to be trod under Foot. What a Diſgrace this is to ſo rich and generous a People as ours, let the moſt unciviliz'd *Barbarian* judge! How eaſy it may be remedied, let the Unprejudic'd ſpeak! *I am, Sir, Yours, &c.*

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER:

SIR,

THE following Stanzas have never yet been publiſh'd, and, if you think they will give your fair Readers any Entertainment, you are at Liberty to inſert them in your next Paper. *I am, Yours, &c.*

AS a clear ſilent Stream crept penſive along,
And the Winds murmur'd ſolemn the Willows among,
On the green Turf complaining a Swain lay reclin'd,
And wept to the River, and ſigh'd to the Wind.

In vain, cry'd he, Nature has waken'd the Spring,
In vain bloom the Violets, the Nightingals ſing;
To a Heart full of Sorrow no Beauties appear,
Each Zephyr a Sigh, and each Dew-Drop's a Tear.

In vain my *Zelinda* has Graces to move
The Faireſt to Envy, the Wiſeſt to Love.
Her Preſence no longer gives Joy to my Eye,
And without her to live, is more Pain than to die.

O that Slumber its Pinions would over me ſpread!
And paint but her Image in Dreams in her Stead:
The beautiful Viſion would ſoften my Pain ——
But Sleep's a Relief I ſolicite in vain. ——

The Wretch that, like me, is heart-wounded with Care,
Is deluded with Hope, and undone by Deſpair.
His Pangs, ever-waking deny him Repoſe,
And the Moments but vary, to vary his Woes.

SATURDAY, *July* 28.

LAST Thurſday a Gentleman going out of a Wherry, on board a *Norway* Man, near *Rotherhith*, had the Misfortune to fall over-board into the River, and was drowned.

Laſt Tueſday the Aſſizes ended at *Salop*, and *Samuel Gordon* was tried for Forgery, but was ordered to remain till the next Aſſizes. Three were ordered for Tranſportation, and one was acquitted. This proving a Maiden Aſſizes, the Sheriffs, according to Cuſtom, preſented the Judges with white Gloves.

N. B. *Advertiſements, of a reaſonable Length, are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

On Tuesday last the Assizes ended at *Shrewsbury*, when five Persons were tried, but none capitally convicted. At the said Assizes on the *Nisi Prius* Side, a Cause was tried before Mr. Justice *Lee*, which lasted nine Hours, in endeavouring to prove a young Lady a Bastard, there being about 4 or 500l. a Year depending: Several Witnesses were examin'd, but none proving the Fact, the Plaintiff was nonsuited. Also at the said Assizes came on a Trial upon the Validity of the Marriage of *Nicholas Williams*, late of *Carmarthen*, Esq; deceased, with Mrs. *Mary Jones*, Spinster, Sister to Mr. *Edward Jones*, who keeps the *Royal-Vineyard* in St. *James's-Park*, which Trial lasted twelve Hours; and after examining several Witnesses, and hearing several learned Arguments of Counsel on both Sides, a Verdict was given in Favour of Mrs. *Jones*, confirming the said Marriage.

The Right Hon. the Earl of *Derby*, and the Right Hon. the Lord *Petre*, have each of them presented the worshipful Company of Apothecaries with 20 Guineas, towards enabling them to compleat their Building and intended Improvements in their Botanick Garden at *Chelsea*.

The great Cause between Sir *Robert Maud*, Bart. and Mr. *Price* of *Caermarthen*, relating to the Will of Mr. *Cornwallis*, Brother-in-Law to Sir *Robert Maud*, was determin'd at *Hereford* Assizes in favour of Mr. *Price*.

Preferment. Yesterday the Lord Chancellor was pleased to present the Rev. Mr. *Richard Rock*, to the Vicarage of *Stroud* in the County and Diocese of *Gloucester*, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.

MONDAY, *July* 30.

Several of the Nobility of the Electorate of *Hanover* are preparing to come over hither, in order to be present at the Princess Royal's Marriage with the Prince of *Orange*. The late Embellishments of the Royal Palaces, and the fine Furniture put therein, are look'd upon as so many Dispositions for the Reception of her Royal Highness as Governess of his Majesty's *German* Dominions, and his Subjects there shew no small Satisfaction at the Report of that illustrious Couple's residing amongst them.

We hear by a private Letter from *Genoa*, that the Rev. Mr. *Smith*, late a Clergyman of the Church of *England*, abjur'd his Religion there on the 14th of last Month, in the Metropolitan Church of that City, and in the Presence of the Archbishop, and an innumerable Crowd of Spectators. He is reputed a Man of Letters; and 'tis believ'd the Offers of Preferment which he met with from the *Catholicks*, together with the Neglect which he had found in his own Country, put him upon an Act that seems to shew his temporal Interest predominant over his Reason.

On Friday last the Assizes ended at *Croydon* for the County of *Surrey*, when the two following Malefactors received Sentence of Death, *viz. William Garbe*, alias *Will the Weaver*, for knocking down a Woman in *Bird-cage-Alley*, *Southwark*, and robbing her of her Handkerchief and some Money; and *Robert Wilson*, a Boy, for setting Fire to his Master's Paper-Mills. The Boy was repriev'd on the ending of the Assizes, and order'd for Transportation; but *Will the Weaver* is ordered for Execution on Saturday next. A new Gallows is to be erected against his Execution, there being no Gallows belonging to that Town. Mr. *Christ* (who was some Time committed to the New Jail in *Southwark*, on the Oath of *Henry Dexington*, a Journeyman Baker, suppos'd to be robb'd on the Highway by the said Mr. *Christ*, who afterwards was admitted to Bail by the Court of *King's-Bench*) was honourably discharg'd, the Prosecutor not appearing; and it was also prov'd that *Richard Cass*, who was executed last Week at *Chelmsford* in *Essex*, and *John Davis*, who was executed the 28th of *May* last at *Tyburn*, confess'd that they only had committed the said Robbery. Capt. *Webster*, indicted for the Murder of his Cabbin Boy, was acquitted, there being no Prosecution.

On Friday in the Afternoon two young Men washing themselves in the River *Thames*, near *Coal-Harbour*, were unfortunately drowned; and the next Day they were taken up at the *Three-Cranes*.

Robberies. On Friday in the Evening Mr. *Byard*, a Mercer on *Ludgate-Hill*, and his Wife, being in a Chaise, were attack'd by two Highwaymen about a Mile beyond *Highgate*, who took from Mr. *Byard* what Money he had about him, also his Wife's Wedding-Ring, she having given it him for Security, and a Diamond Ring of great Value. The same Highwaymen afterwards robb'd all the Passengers on that Road for three Hours together, and got a very great Booty. One had on a Butcher's Frock.

Deaths. On Saturday died at *Newington*, *John Cheeke*, Esq; who for about forty Years past was Marshal of the High Court of Admiralty.——Yesterday Morning died at *Brompton*, in the 68th Year of her Age, Mrs. *Smith*, a Widow Gentlewoman.——On Saturday died at *Clapham*, Mr. *Nicholas Crenshaw*, Tythe-Gatherer of the said Parish.

Bankrupt. Theophilus Clayton, of the City of *Norwich*, Upholsterer.

TUESDAY, *July* 31.

On Saturday last a Gentleman belonging to his Majesty's Life-Guards, being bathing himself at *Hampton-Court* in the River *Thames*, was seized with the Cramp and drowned

On Friday last the Assizes ended at *Stafford*, when three Prisoners were tried, one of whom was capitally convicted, *James Miller*, for House-breaking, but before the Judges left the Town he was reprieved.

Last Night the new-born Daughter of the *Spanish* Ambassador was baptized at *Powis-House*.

His Highness the Prince of *Orange* was pleased to present *John Anstis*, Esq; Garter King at Arms, before he left the *Hague*, with a fine Gold Sword of great Value, which was on Sunday last shewn to their Majesties at *Hampton-Court*.

We hear that his Highness the Prince of *Orange* will be here the Beginning of *September*, when the Nuptials between the Princess Royal and him will be celebrated at *Hampton-Court*.

They write from *Dover*, that an Attempt having been made there to hurt the Interest of the Hon. *George Berkeley* and *Henry Furnese*, Esqs; at the next Election of Members to serve in Parliament, the same was rejected by the Inhabitants of the Town, those Gentlemen having faithfully discharged the Trust reposed in them by opposing the Excise Scheme.

On Sunday Night the Son of Mr. *Joell*, a wealthy Timber-Merchant in *Thames-street*, was drowned as he was washing himself at *Iron-Gate* Stairs.

On Saturday his Majesty viewed several fine Men, whom the Right Hon. the Earl of *Albemarle* has listed into the third Troop of Life Guards, commanded by his Lordship, and his Majesty was pleased to express his intire Satisfaction at their Appearance; and his Lordship designs to make the said Troop the most compleat of any of his Majesty's Guards.

The Lords and others appointed by his Majesty to enquire into the Fees of the Law-Offices, have appointed four Justices of the Peace, four Gentlemen of the Law, and four Aldermen of the City of *London*, to enquire into the Fees of the Courts of Chancery, *King's-Bench*, *Common-Pleas*, and *Exchequer*.

We hear from *Shepton Mallet* in the County of *Gloucester*, that last Monday two Bailiffs having arrested a Clothier of that Town in an Action of Debt, he endeavour'd, with the Assistance of his Wife and two Apprentices, to quit himself out of Custody; but one of the Bailiffs drew a Hanger, and wounded the Clothier in such a barbarous Manner, that he expir'd on the Spot. One of the Apprentices had likewise one of his Hands cut off; and the Woman was very roughly us'd. We hear the Bailiffs are in Custody.

On Tuesday last the Right Hon. Lord *Walpole*, Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Devon*, arrived at *Exeter*, and lodged in the Bishop's Palace; and next Morning the Chamber went in their Gowns to compliment his Lordship, and conducted him to the *Guildhall*, where was a splendid Entertainment prepared for him; and on Thursday his Lordship, after hearing Divine Service at the Cathedral, entertained the Mayor and Aldermen at the New Inn with 100 Dishes, and after several loyal Healths, his Lordship, at taking Leave of them, gave a Bank Note of 50l. to be distributed to the Poor.

On Wednesday last, at the Races on *Barham Downs*, Mr. *Honeby*'s Grey Mare *Drowsy Jenny* won the County-Plate of 50 Guineas. Sir *Robert Fagge*'s Brown Horse *Dacy* came in second, and won the 10 Guineas.——On Thursday at the said Races Mr. *Strickland*'s Brown Stone-Horse, *Robin Hood*, won the City-Plate of 20 Guineas. Mr. *Crofter*'s Bay Mare, called the *Sand Mare*, came in second, and won the Stakes.

On Tuesday last began the Races at *Huntingdon*, when the 25l. Plate was won by Mr. *Fleetwood*'s *Almanza*, against Mr. *Herbert*'s *Smiling Tom*, and Mr. *Griffin*'s *Polly*.——The next Day the 20l. for Galloways, was won by Mr. *Griffin*'s *Smuggler*, against *Lilliput* and a Hack.——On Thursday the 40l. was won by the Duke of *Ancaster*'s *Gentleman*, against Mr. *Grisewood*'s *Diamond*, and Mr. *Fleetwood*'s *Foxhunter*.

The following Address of Thanks of the High Sheriff, and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury for the County of *Derby*, to Sir *Nathaniel Curzon*, Bart. *Godfrey Clarke*, Esq; the Right Hon. the Lord *James Cavendish*, and the Hon. *Charles Stanhope*, Esq; Representatives in Parliament for the County and Town of *Derby*, was most humbly presented.

Gentlemen,

We the High Sheriff and Grand Jury for the County of *Derby*, beg Leave to take this Opportunity of returning you our most sincere and hearty Thanks for your unwearied and steady Application, in the Behalf of ourselves and the rest of our Fellow-Subjects, when our Liberties and Properties were of late so remarkably attack'd.

Gentlemen,

It shall be our Study upon all Occasions to acknowledge the Obligations we lie under to you, and to assure you with what Zeal and Esteem we desire to be accounted,

Honoured Gentlemen,

Your most obliged humble Servants, &c.

Richard Hill, of *Cleveland Court*, St. *James's*, Esq; has resign'd his Place of Gentleman-Usher Quarter-Waiter in Ordinary to her Majesty, in Favour of Capt. *Cockran* of Major General *Bissel*'s Regiment of Foot, who has been sworn in accordingly.

Trim in Ireland, *July* 17. Lord *Gormonstown* and Mr. *Barnwell*, eldest Son to the Lord *Trimbleston*, who were presented to the Grand Jury of this County last Spring-Assizes, for wearing Swords; Mr. *Barnwell* being sick in *Dublin*, Lord *Gormonston* this Day stood his Trial, and was found guilty, and is to suffer one Year's Imprisonment, and pay a Fine of 30l but he having the Character of a peaceable and well-behaved Gentleman, there was immediately after his Trial a Representation signed by the Hon. Sir *John Leger* our Judge, and all the Grand Jury, in his Favour, and sent up to *Dublin* to their Excellencies the Lords Justices, in order to obtain his Pardon.

Preferments. The Rev. Mr. *Stephens* was a few Days since unanimously chosen Residentiary of the Cathedral of *Oxford*.——The Rev. Mr. *Collins* was on Friday last presented by the Lord Chancellor to the Rectory of St. *Mary de Cript*, in the City and Diocese of *Gloucester*, void by the Resignation of the last Incumbent.

Deaths. On Saturday Morning Mr. *Lewis Johnson*, of *Richmond* in *Surrey*, awaking, found his Lady (to whom he was married but a few Months ago) dead, in Bed with him, and cold. She had complained of the Head-Ach when going to Bed.——On Wednesday last died at *Newhall* in the County of *Lancaster*, the Lady of *Legh Master*, Esq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of *Newtown* in the said County.——Last Sunday Night died, at her House at *Clapham* in *Surrey*, Mrs. *Jane Croft*, a Maiden Gentlewoman of a good Fortune.——Last Night died, at his House at *Charlton*, *John Woodhouse*, Esq; formerly a Commander of a Man of War in her late Majesty's Service.

WEDNESDAY, *August* 1.

Yesterday a large new Ship was launch'd at *Blackwall*, and call'd the *Onslow*, in Compliment to the Right Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons. She was design'd for the *East-India* Company's Service, and is to be commanded by Capt. *Balchen*.

The Hight Hon. the Lord *Baltimore* is expected over from *Maryland* in a Fortnight's Time, in order to offer himself a Candidate for the County of *Surrey* with *Thomas Scawen*, Esq; one of the present Knights of the Shire for the said County.

Mr. *Talbot*, Brother to *Charles Talbot*, Esq; his Majesty's Sollicitor-General, had the Misfortune to break his Leg some Days ago, at his Seat at *Checquers* in *Buckinghamshire*, by the Accident of his Foot slipping as he was giving a Spring to kick a Mark upon the Wall: Mr. *Talbot* the Sollicitor's Son and several other Gentlemen were present, shewing their Agility that Way for a Wager.

We hear from *Oxford*, that during the Publick Act, some Sharpers found Means to carry off a considerable Value, in Gold Watches and other Things, from the Nobility and Gentry. There were some Persons suspected who made a Figure in a Coach and Six at the *Cross-Inn*; and after living very elegantly there, they thought fit, when the Act was over, under Pretence of going to *Woodstock* to view *Blenheim-House*, to bilk the Landlord of his whole Reckoning, which was considerable.

We learn from *Petersfield* in *Hants*, that *John Jolliffe*, Esq; of that Place, and *Edward Gibbon*, jun. Esq, of *Putney*, have declared themselves Candidates for that Borough against the next Election.

Preferments. His Grace the Lord Archbishop of *York* has presented the Rev. Mr. *Naylor* to the Vicarage of *Othorn* in the County and Diocese of *York*, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.——And also the Rev. Mr. *William Eberson* to the Vicarage of *Cold Kerby* in *Yorkshire*, void by the Cession of the last Incumbent.

Marriage. The Hon. *Hugh Boscawen*, Esq; Son of the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount *Falmouth*, Representative in Parliament for the Borough of *Truro* in *Cornwall*, was married a few Days since to Miss *Meadows*, one of the Daughters of Sir *Philip Meadows*, Knt. a young Lady of a large Fortune.

Bankrupts. Joseph Woodward, of *Savage-Gardens*, on *Tower-Hill*, *London*, Cornfactor.——*James Trinder*, jun. late of *Hounslow*, in *Middlesex*, Innholder and Chapman.——*William Onyon*, late of *Goswell-street*, in *Middlesex*, Coach-maker.——*Gregory Cording*, of *Dulverton*, in *Somersetshire*, Mercer.——*James Tidesley*, late of *Liverpool*, in *Lancashire*, Merchant.

THURSDAY, *August* 2.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the late King's Accession to the Throne, there was a numerous and splendid Appearance of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, at *Hampton Court*.

The same Day the Artillery-Company, in Honour thereof, perform'd a fine Exercise, under the Command of *Robert Kendall*, Esq; Alderman, General; Sir *Henry Hankey*, Knt. and Alderman, Lieutenant-General; Major-General *Osgood*, and Lieutenant-Colonel *Paul Ferris*.

Mr. *Degget's* Coat and Badge, for the perpetual providing of which, on the Anniversary of his late Majesty's Accession, a proper Fund was settled by the said Gentleman's Will, was Yesterday rowed for from *London-Bridge* to the *Swan* at *Chelsea*, by six young Watermen, and the same was won by *William Swabey*, of *Whitehall* Stairs.

On Monday last two Gentlemen fought a Duel in a Field near the Road, at the Bottom of *Hamstead-Hill*, and were both kill'd on the Spot: A Servant belonging to the *Conde Montijo*, the *Spanish* Ambassador, was riding by at the same Time, and saw them both fall.

A few Days ago an unhappy Accident happen'd in the following Manner at *Tiltup's-Inn* near *Mitford* in *Somersetshire*. As four Persons of *Bath* were passing by the said Place, a young Man came out of the House, and wish'd their Company a good Night, which was civilly return'd; but before they got much farther, the same Person (by Name *George Hopkins*, of *Mitford* aforesaid) ask'd them if the Devil was not behind them, and began to abuse them in a very uncommon Manner: Upon which one *Steward*, belonging to the Company abus'd, went back and struck him; which he had no sooner done, but *Hopkins* took up a Stone, and with it struck the said *Steward* upon one Side of his Head; at which the others of his Company came back, crying out, *Steward is murder'd*, (who then lay in a Manner dead upon the Ground) and pursu'd the Murderer, who was upon his Flight, and took him: The others of the Murderer's Company perceiving they had their Companion in Hold, came out with great Sticks, and fell upon those who had seiz'd the Villain, in so furious a Manner, that it was a Mercy one or two more had not been murder'd likewise. After they had rescu'd their Companion, they all fled together, leaving the rest of the other Party almost incapable of getting *Steward* into the House, which they at length did; but the Landlady would not permit them to lay him on a Bed, though they offer'd her what Money she should ask. In this miserable Condition he remain'd in the cold Kitchen till about Four in the Morning, when he was fetch'd away by his Friends, and on the Sunday following he expir'd. Three are now taken, and bail'd, but the Murderer has taken Shelter among the brute Part of the Creation at *Cawford* by *Redstock*, for the apprehending of whom a handsome Reward is offer'd.

Several private Gentlemen have been discharg'd out of the Earl of *Albemarle's* Troop of Life Guards, some as under-size'd, and others as superannuated; but such have been allow'd fifty Guineas each, and the College: His Lordship proposes to give every Gentleman in his Troop a new Surtout and a Pair of Buckskin Breeches at his own Expence.

The Gentleman and his Lady, who had some Time ago a Trial at *Doctor's Commons*, which was since finally determined in the Gentleman's Favour by a Court of Delegates at *Serjeants-Inn-Hall*, *Chancery-Lane*, are gone down to *Wiltshire* to cohabit together.

On Tuesday Night last a Dispute arose between a *Frenchman* and *Irishman* in *Pall-Mall*, about taking the Wall of each other, insomuch as a Duel ensued, and the *Irishman* wounded the *Frenchman* in so dangerous a Manner, that his Life is despair'd of, upon which the other made his Escape.

We have an Account from *Besford*, a small Village in *Worcestershire*, that on the 16th past, about 12 at Night, there happened a violent Storm of Rain, accompanied by most dreadful Thunder and Lightning; five Persons, *viz.* a Man, a Woman, two Boys, and a Girl, employed in burning Charcoal, perceiving the Storm coming, hastened to an Oak hard by for Shelter, when the Man, Boys, and Girl, were all struck to the Ground by the Thunder and Lightning, and the Girl, who was about nine Years old, was kill'ed on the Spot, but the Woman who stood in Company with them, received no Manner of Hurt. Also some Distance off a Crab-Tree was split a-sunder by the said Thunder and Lightning, and at the same Time set on Fire, which burnt all that Night, and Part of the next Day.

Robbery. On Tuesday last a Gentleman was robb'd in St. *James's-Park*, of his Watch and Money to a considerable Value.

Marriage. Yesterday Mr. ———, an eminent Apothecary at *Epsom* in *Surrey*, was married at St. *Paul's* Cathedral to Miss *Pitts*, Daughter of Mr. *Pitts*, Deputy of *Bridge* Ward.

Death. On Tuesday in the Evening died, at her House at *Twickenham*, aged 80 Years, the Lady *Isabella Wentworth*, Widow and Relict of Sir *William Wentworth*, formerly Member in several Parliaments for the Borough of *Thirske* in *Yorkshire*.

FRIDAY, *August* 3.

Letters from *Weymouth* in *Dorsetshire* give an Account of a very melancholy Accident that happen'd a few Miles off that Place last Week, *viz.* About thirteen or fourteen Gentlemen and Ladies having been at Mr. *Weld's* Seat (he who lately had the Cause before the Delegates) at *Lowthrop-Hall*, and it being a fine Day, had a Mind to go in a Vessel on the Sea, which accordingly they did; after they had got a little Way out, a sudden Squall arose, which laid the Vessel all on one Side close to the Water, the Mast lying in, (it's suppos'd the moving of the Ballast occasion'd it) and in this Situation they were some short Time, when a Gentleman, who was reckon'd the best Swimmer, stript and went in, in order to get to Shore for Help; but before he had swam far his Strength fail'd him, and he turn'd back to get into the Vessel; but being just spent as he came up to her, caught hold of the Mast to save himself, by which Means he pull'd the Vessel over, and all, except one Gentleman, were drowned. Their Names were not then known; but one of the Ladies was about 17, and reckon'd the greatest Beauty and Fortune in that County.

On Friday last Week *Richard Cast*, a Highwayman, (who had robb'd in Company with *Davis*, lately hang'd at *Tyburn* after he had made his Escape out of the Cart) was led to Execution at *Chelmsford*. He had given out that he could die without any Proofs of Fear. He walked without Shew of Concern through the Street to the Church, bowing to the Spectators. After the Ordinary had ended his Prayers at the Gallows, he walked up the Ladder, and said, he had no Occasion for a Hangman, he could do his Business himself. He put the Rope about his Neck, then turned to the People, and confess'd that he had been guilty of all Vices; that he justly suffered, and forgave every Man; that he desired all young Men to take Warning by him, who had spent an Estate, and brought himself to this shameful End at Twenty Eight; that he was sorry he had been hard-hearted to the last, but doubted not there might be Mercy for as great a Sinner as himself; he was going into another State, and wished he could be secure of Happiness in it; the Pain of ten Minutes, he was to pass through, being of very little Consideration to him: That he never had killed a Man, though he had fired at some, and would have left off the Trade, but could not: That it was better to work for a Groat a-day, than rob for 100*l.* since, said he, we are always in Fear. Then, after saying the Lord's Prayer audibly, and without any Appearance of Trembling, or Change of Countenance, and repeating several Times some Ejaculations, with great Earnestness, he gently turned himself off the Ladder, as if he were turning himself in Bed. He was born in *Yorkshire*, and came not long since from *India*

A Commission is pass'd the Great Seal appointing Sir *John Gonson*, Sir *Robert Eaylis*, Sir *Francis Child*, Sir *William Billers*, Knts *William Peer Williams*, *William Melmouth*, *Edward Barber*, *Micajah Perry*, *John Milner*, *Marmaduke Allington*, *Thomas Lane* and *John Howe*, Esqs; to be Commissioners for making a Survey and View of all the Officers, Clerks and Ministers of the High Court of Chancery, and to examine, enquire and find out what Officers, Clerks and Ministers do and ought of Right to belong to the said Court; and what Service, Charge and Attendance belongs to every of the said Officers, Clerks and Ministers; and what Fees, Rewards and Wages every of the said Officers, Clerks and Ministers, and their Substitutes and Under-Clerks, may and ought lawfully to have and take, in respect of their several Offices and Places; and what Fees, Rewards or Wages have of late been unjustly encroach'd and impos'd on his Majesty's Subjects by any of them; and what Oppressions Extortions and Exactions have been used and committed by any of the said Officers, Clerks or Ministers, or any of their Substitutes or Under-Clerks, in the Execution of their several Offices or Places; and the said Commissioners are to meet this Week to open their Commission, and to chuse a Secretary, Messenger, Door-keepers, *&c.*

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Wednesday the 22d of this Instant for the Installation of his Grace the Duke of *Devonshire*, and the Right Hon. the Earl of *Wilmington* at *Windsor-Castle*.

On Tuesday last Mr. Justice *Fortescue* returned to Town from the *Midland* Circuit, which proved a Maiden Assize, except at *Warwick*, where one Man received Sentence of Death, and is ordered for Execution on Wednesday next.

Yesterday the *Charles*, Capt. *Brownhill*, from *Barbadoes*, laden with Sugar, was by some Accident sunk in the River of *Thames*.

Private Letters from *Jamaica*, dated the 22d of *May*, mention, that the *Spanish Guarda Costa's* have lately taken in the Bay of *Honduras*, four large *English* Ships, one of which was the *Somerset*, of *Bristol*.

Last Sunday the Son of Mr. *Ingram*, a Bricklayer at *Fulham*, a Youth of about 14 Years of Age, was run over by a Gardener's Cart, and killed on the Spot; and on Wednesday the Coroner's Jury sat on his Body, and brought in their Verdict *Accidental Death*.

The new Church that has been some Years building in *Old-street*, being now finish'd, we hear that the time will be consecrated on St. *Luke's* Day, the 18th of *October* next, and that it is to be dedicated to that Saint

Martin Bladen, Esq; one of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, is vigorously oppos'd at *Stockbridge* by her Grace the Dutchess Dowager of *Marlborough's* Interest.

Yesterday *Daniel Lambert*, Esq; late'y elected Sheriff, subscribed 100*l.* to the new Building carrying on at St. *Bartholomew's Hospital*, when Orders were given to send him a Staff as Governor.

Yesterday was held a General Court of the *South-Sea* Company, which agreed upon a Dividend of 2 *per Cent.* for the Half Year ending at *Midsummer*, and the Dividend Warrants are to be made payable the 27th Instant. At the said Court it was resolved to pay off all the Bonds which have not been brought in to be marked for 3 ½ *per Cent.* and the Interest on the said Bonds is to cease from *Michaelmas* next. The Bonds which pursuant to this Resolution are to be paid off, amount to 65,300*l.* besides 13,000*l.* which have not been brought in pursuant to a former Resolution to receive one half of the Principal.

Preferment. Yesterday the Rev. Mr. *King*, of St. *John's* College, *Oxford*, was chosen Minister of *Dulwich* College, in the room of the Rev. Mr. *Donn*, who resigned.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hague, July 31. N. S.

THE States of *Holland* having continued their Sessions this Week, they sent a Deputation to the Great Pensionary, who had the good Fortune to persuade him to resume his Commission, and to continue in his Employ; to the inexpressible Joy of all Ranks of People here, the present Apprehensions of a War rendring the Assistance of that Able Minister almost absolutely necessary.

The Clouds that seemed to be gathering on the Side of *Poland*, begin to disperse, which (if we are rightly informed) is in a great Measure owing to the good Counsel of the two Maritime Powers, to wit, That the Powers of *Europe* would by no Means oppose the Free Election of a King, but leave it entirely to the *Polanders* to choose whom they think fit. We even flatter ourselves, that the Emperor will wave the Exclusion he has given to King *Stanislaus*, provided his Most Christian Majesty performs what has been offered to the Court of *Vienna*.

In a late Audience which Monsieur *de la Barre*, Agent of *France*, had of his Highness the Prince and Bishop of *Liege*, he demanded that the said Bishoprick would remain Neuter, in Case of a War among its Neighbours; which the Bishop readily came into, as being a Sort of Borderer upon different States. This Privilege the Bishop of *Liege*, considering the Distance of Imperial Succours, referred to himself, when his Country was made a Part of the Circle of *Westphalia*, but with an Exception in Case of a War in Support of the Emperor's *Pragmatick Sanction*, his Hand not being then tied up, but he is to act in Conjunction with all other Princes of the Empire.

Our last Letters from *Brussels* advise, that notwithstanding all the Boasts and Rodomontades of *France*, they do not believe that Crown will be very forward to declare War against the Emperor and his Allies, well knowing that the *English* and *Dutch* will not tamely look on, while the *French* attack the Fortresses of the *Netherlands*, and make the Barrier shake.

Hague, Aug. 4. The States of *Holland* continue their Assemblies, at which the Counsellor Pensionary *Slingelandt* regularly assists, being upon the Recovery. Men talk much of a Speech that Great Minister made to their Noble-Mightinesses, upon the present Situation of Affairs both at home and abroad; but we cannot yet give you the Substance; all we can learn of it is, that it was very judicious and very pathetick.

The Affairs of the Prince of *Orange* have a more favourable Aspect every Day; his Serene Highness's Friends increasing apace, with Regard to his Private Concerns: But as for Employs in the Republick, the disinterested Part of Mankind know and perceive, that his Highness does not take the least Step towards them; and that they are not his Well-Wishers, who give out Reports to the Contrary, to stir up the Heads of the Republick to take Measures to his Disadvantage. His Serene Highness acts like a King in every Thing he does, and shews a Greatness of Soul becoming his High Birth; not courting Honours, but leaving them to court him, as the Reward of his Merit and his Vertues: He is far above canvassing for them.

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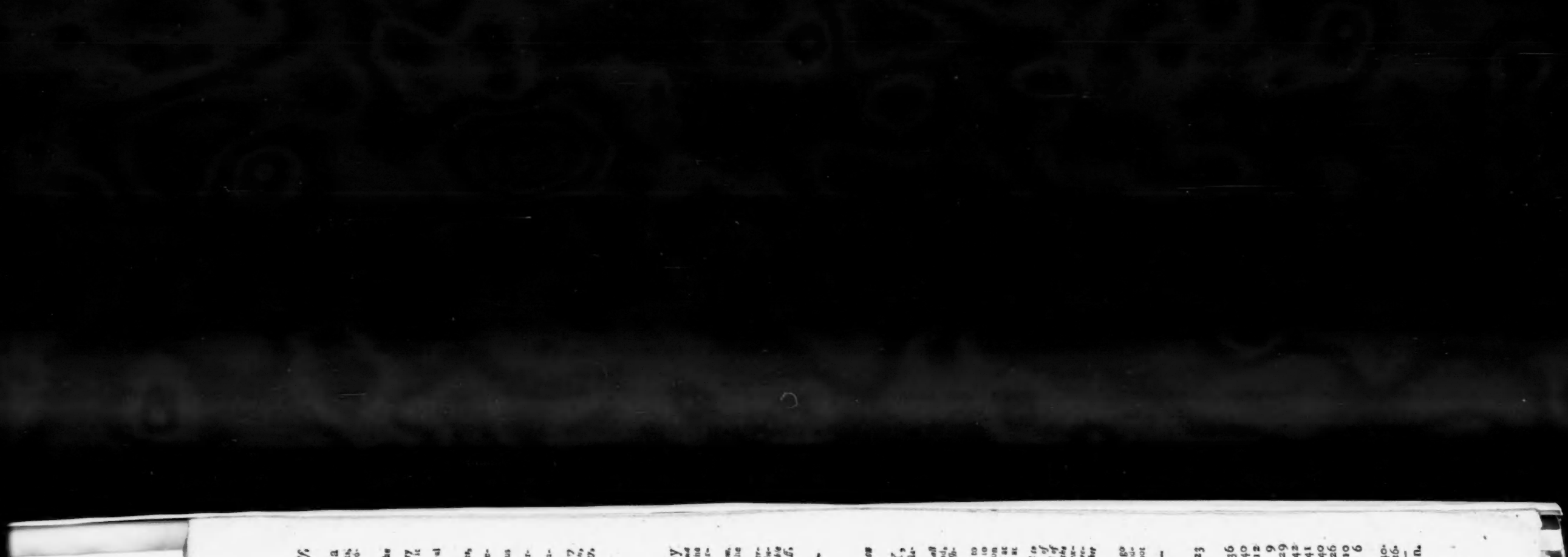
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